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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

This summary is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.133 to document the substance and nature of an examiner-initiated interview held September 12, 2007 with the examiner of record for this application.

Claims 1-35 were rejected under a combination of 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103. The present invention is directed to the creation of multiple views of a forensic sample using electro-optical filters in chemical imaging. A deficiency of the prior art to be overcome with the present invention is to allow for repeated sampling of a forensic sample in a nondestructive manner.

The examiner in the Office Action of April 3, 2007, rejected all claims on the basis of several references. These same references were cited in the first office actions rejecting all claims in related applications 10/698,584 and 11/339,508, both of which claim priority to the same provisional application as the present application under discussion. After prior interviews regarding the related applications, the basis for rejecting the claims to the related applications changed after the claims in the related applications were amended to reflect the filtering of multiple wavelengths of light. The new grounds for rejection cited Scott, US Patent 6,822,228.

The Applicants' representative and the examiner came to an agreement, that Scott is specifically directed to destructive testing of materials, not non-destructive testing. Agreement was reached that amending the independent method claim 1 to recite nondestructive illumination of the sample would avoid Scott as a potential art reference.

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for the courtesy of the interview and for the candid conduct thereof. The examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative should there be any further matter requiring discussion.

Respectfully submitted,



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